

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TERRORISTS ATTACK IN J & K
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has clarified its stand to the various countries regarding terrorists' attacks in J&K; and
- (b) if so, the details regarding the countries spoken to?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWAN SINGH)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Incidents like the terrorist attack on the Jammu & Kashmir State Assembly on October 1 by the Pakistan based terrorist group Jaish-e-Muhammad, and on the Awantipura Airforce Station on 22nd October, further underscored to the international community the fact of Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India.

Government have been appropriately and effectively bringing to the attention of the international community, facts pertaining to Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India. The matter has also been raised during several high level interactions with foreign leaders. There is now a widespread recognition in the international community that terrorism has to be eradicated wherever it exists, and that there can be no justification for terrorism.

Government have reiterated that India has the resolve, strength and stamina to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed, and will take the necessary steps to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.